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DES Announces Solid Waste Disposal Tonnages and Recycling Rates for Municipalities

Concord, NH- The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has posted the 2007 solid waste disposal tonnages and recycling rates for municipalities on the DES website at http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wmd/documents/rec_mun.pdf.

This data is obtained from the Annual Facility Reports filed by each town that has a solid waste facility. Recycling rates vary from a low of 0 percent to over 70 percent. Overall, the state's municipal rate is 20.35 percent.

This year, for the first time, DES has published the budget line items for each town and the per capita costs. Income from the sale of recyclables, fees from disposal of special items such as bulky items, construction and demolition debris, and sale of bags in Pay As You Throw municipalities are reflected in the budgets. The budgets for the state's municipalities exceeded \$104 million in 2007.

Municipalities interested in increasing their recycling rates can contact DES for information on proven programs, such as Pay As You Throw. DES also provides technical assistance to municipalities on transfer station design, operator training and other solid waste programs.

For additional information about solid waste facts and figures and outreach programs, please call Donald E. Maurer, Supervisor, Solid Waste Technical Assistance Section, at (603) 271-3713.

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